



# 2008 Republican National Convention

Monday, September 1 –  
Thursday, September 4, 2008  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

# Agenda

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- Convention overview
- Security overview
- Traffic management plan
  - Vehicle restriction plan
  - Parking restrictions
  - Suggested routes
  - Transportation alternatives
  - Deliveries
- Questions

# Convention Overview: Opportunity of a Lifetime

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- This is the largest event Saint Paul has ever hosted
- Minneapolis Saint Paul was a finalist for both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions
- Only the Olympics attract more media attention than a national political convention
- An unparalleled opportunity to showcase our region to the world

# Facts About the Convention

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- Monday, September 1 (Labor Day) to Thursday, September 4, 2008
- Xcel Energy Center
- Saint Paul RiverCenter
- 45,000 visitors, including 15,000 members of the national and international media
- 17,000 hotel rooms in Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Bloomington
- Event venues all around metro area

# Security

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- Designated a National Special Security Event by the Department of Homeland Security
- United States Secret Service is Lead Agency
- Saint Paul Police Department is Lead Local Agency
- The City of Saint Paul received a \$50 million federal grant to pay for all local security costs
- Approximately 3,500 officers from 80 law enforcement agencies
- Downtown Saint Paul will be OPEN for business during the convention

# Public Safety Commitment to Saint Paul

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- Saint Paul officers will patrol the city and neighborhoods
- Officers from other agencies will help in downtown area

# Traffic Management Plan



- Nearly all major access roads to downtown will remain open during the RNC, including:
  - Wabasha Street
  - Robert Street
  - Shepard Road



# Traffic Management Plan: Vehicle Restriction Area



- Major highways will remain open:
  - Interstate 94
  - Interstate 35E
  - Some exits may have limited access
- **Main access roads to remain open**



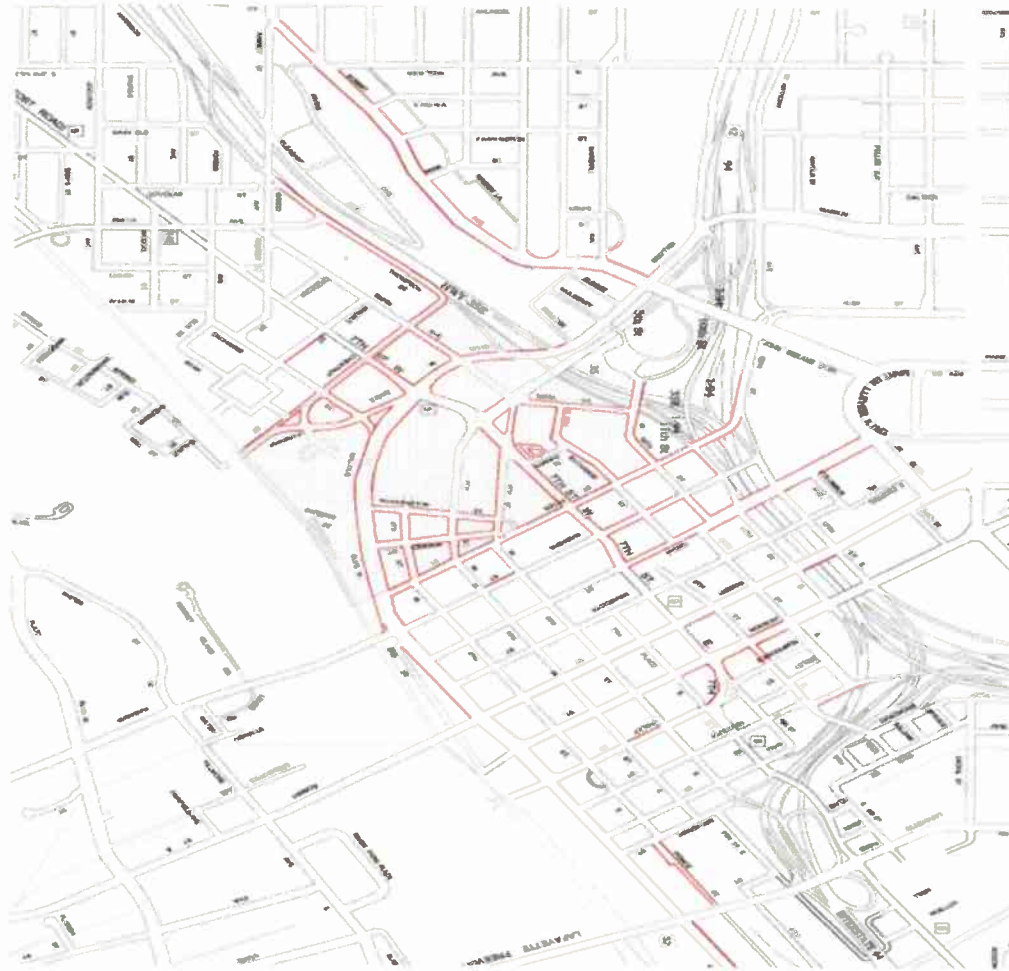
# Traffic Management Plan: Vehicle Restriction Area



- No vehicles or bikes will be allowed in the vehicle restriction area
- Chestnut Street's southbound lane will be open
- St. Peter Street will be open, but no parking or stopping will be allowed

# Traffic Management Plan: Parking Restrictions

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# Traffic Management Plan:

## Suggested Routes

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- East on 94: Take 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> St. exits
- South on 35E: Take 10<sup>th</sup>/Wacouta St. or University Ave./Capitol exits
- North on 35E: Take Shepard Rd., 7<sup>th</sup> St., Randolph Ave., Grand Ave., or 11<sup>th</sup> St./Capitol exits
- West on 94: Take Kellogg/Mounds Blvd. or Hwy. 52/6<sup>th</sup> St. exits
- East on 494: Take Hwy. 5, which turns into 7<sup>th</sup> St.

# Transportation Alternatives

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- Bike
- Ride Share
- Bus
- Metrotransit.org
- Smart-trips.org

# Vehicle Restriction Area: Deliveries



- Businesses will provide schedule of deliveries to SPPD
- Remote delivery site at St. Paul Technical College
- Contact:  
Commander  
David Mathison  
651-266-8989

# Residents' Participation

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- Civic Fest, A Very Minnesota Celebration
  - [www.civicfest.org](http://www.civicfest.org)
- Saint Paul-itics Series, Saint Paul Public Libraries
  - [www.saintpaulitics.org](http://www.saintpaulitics.org)
- Award MSP, Resident Discount Program
  - [www.awardmsp.com](http://www.awardmsp.com)
- Declaration of Independence



# Legacies

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- Green Gatherings
- Skyway Signage
- Beautification
- Spruce Up MSP
- Convention business
- Media attention—raise MSP profile



# Keep In Touch

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